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Commissioners talk health insurance, phone line issues

Auditor January Roush presented the Martin County Commissioners, at their meeting Tuesday, November 21, with a few plans for employee health insurance. The county's insurance provider, Federated Insurance, no longer provides health insurance coverage so Roush had to meet with a new agent to find another plan.

Auditor Roush showed the commissioners several plan options and also the option that she and one of her employees recommended. She said it's very similar to the plan the employees' currently have. When asked if the plan would be comparable in cost to the employees' current plan, Roush replied that the total cost of insurance is around \$700,000 and she would estimate the cost next year to be under that.

The commissioners decided to look over the various plans and discuss it at their next meeting in two weeks.

Community Correction Director Kathy Collins reported that her department has reached a record number of offenders they are working with. She said they currently have 28 offenders on electronic monitoring and 90 serving community service and restitution. She said that having this many offenders speaks volumes of the work being done by the prosecutor and judge.

Mary Smith, of Qualkenbush Spring Road, spoke to the commissioners about issues with Frontier phone lines being strewn down the side of her road. She said she has contacted Frontier multiple times but they will not bury the lines. She said the exposed lines do not affect her phone service however they do affect a neighbor's service and with the lines lying on the ground, it is impossible for the county to do proper mow-

ing. She told the commissioners that she plans to now contact the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission to file a complaint and asked if the commissioners know of any other location in the county where lines on the ground are a problem. Highway Superintendent Leo Padgett, from the audience, said that he has several locations he can think of and said he would provide Smith with a list. Smith said the lines have been lying on the ground, down the road, for three to four years and she feels that Frontier should do their job and bury them or remove them if they are not active lines. The commissioners agreed.

Highway Superintendent Padgett asked the commissioners if it was alright for E&B Paving to close 100 South while paving was done. He said it would take one day to complete. The commissioners asked Padgett how many homes were on the road to which Padgett replied that there is one. The commissioners suggested Padgett contact the homeowner and let them know when the road will be closed so they can be prepared.

Padgett also asked permission to get new tires for his truck that is used for snow plowing. The commissioners gave the okay.

The commissioners approved the contract between the county and Purdue Extension to have an extension educator. Purdue pays \$19,355 for the position.

Auditor Roush and the commissioners went over the county's holiday schedule for next year along with meetings dates for the commissioners. A few changes were made to meetings that coincided with the 4-H Fair and the General Election. The calendars will be approved at the next meeting.

Martin County's jobless rate at 3 percent for October

Martin County's unemployment rate went down very slightly from September to October, from 3.1 percent to 3 percent. The county had the 22nd lowest jobless rate of the 92 Indiana counties, tied with 10 other counties.

In October, the county had 4,968 residents in the workforce with 149 of them unemployed. In September, there were 5,018 residents able to work and 155 of them without jobs. In October of last year, Martin County's unemployment rate was 3.8 percent with 5,123 residents in the workforce and

Christmas Parade entries still being accepted

It's not too late to get your entry in for the Loogootee Festival of Lights Christmas Parade on Sunday, December 3 at 6 p.m. Call Loogootee City Hall at 812-295-4770 or stop in to get your entry registered.

195 of them unemployed.

Daviess County's unemployment rate stayed the same from September to October at 2.8 percent. The county had the 10th lowest jobless rate in the state for October, tied with Boone, DeKalb and Whitley counties.

In October, the county had 15,476 residents in the workforce and 437 of them were without jobs. In September, there were 15,597 residents able to work and 437 of them unemployed. In October of 2016, Daviess County's unemployment rate was 3.1 percent with 15,854 residents in the workforce and 484 of them unemployed.

Dubois County's unemployment rate also dropped just slightly in October to 2.5 percent, down from 2.6 percent the month before. The county moved to the second spot in the state for lowest jobless rate.

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LHS Beta Club attends annual State Convention

The LHS Beta Club traveled to French Lick for the annual Indiana Beta State Convention on November 17 and 18. While at convention, students attended three sessions, watched and participated in talent and academic competitions, danced, and socialized. LHS students placed in almost every competition of which they competed. Jayleigh Wagoner became Indiana's next state secretary. The following students also placed the following categories:

Division I (Grades 9 and 10):
Shaelyn Arthur - Spanish (1st)
Hannah Bailey - Speech (3rd) & Poetry (1st)
Kaitlyn Bruner - Creative Writing (3rd)
Asia Crim-Onsite Acrylic Painting (2nd)
Adie Nolley - Agriculture (2nd)

Sara Street - Science (2nd)
Karoline Tedrow - Language Arts (3rd)
Elly Wagler - Science (3rd) and On-site Pencil Drawing (3rd)
Sarah Wagler - Math (2nd)
Jaelyn Walker - Math (1st)
Garrett Williams - Social Studies (2nd)
Division II (Grades 11 and 12):
Dylan Arthur - Science (2nd)
Max Christmas - Math (3rd), Poetry (1st), and Pencil Drawing (1st)
Lena Dippert - German (1st)
Konner Lyon - Science (3rd)
Carson Rayhill - Speech (1st)
Group Competitions:
Fresh Look at Beta - (3rd)
Austin Brittain, Cody Carrico, Matthew Poole, and Conner Wilcoxon - Robotics - (3rd)
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Tri Kappa accepting scholarship applications

The state organization of Tri Kappa will award a variety of scholarships to college students throughout Indiana in the spring. Each state scholarship will be awarded in the amount of \$1,000. Tri Kappa has provided scholarship awards since 1914 acknowledging students on the local, province and state levels. Chapters, provinces and the state organization combined, currently give nearly \$500,000 annually honoring academic achievement.

The State Scholarship Chair is currently seeking applicants for the following:

-Twelve \$1,000 academic scholarships will be awarded and additional at-large scholarships could be awarded dependent upon the funds available. To apply, students must be currently enrolled in a baccalaureate or graduate program, having completed at least one academic year. Criteria used by the Tri Kappa selection committee are academic achievement, strong goals, extracurricular activities, work experience and volunteer service. (One scholarship per province, Loogootee-Shoals is Province III)

-Two \$1,000 key scholarships are available to students throughout the state. These are directed to those students who have no previous degree beyond high school and have had a lapse in their education for at least 5 years. Any student enrolled in an accredited school offering an associate or baccalaureate degree, who has completed at least one semester, may apply. Criteria used by the Tri Kappa selection committee are strong goals, work experience and volunteer service since high school.

-Two \$1,000 Fine Arts scholarships

will be awarded statewide to students majoring in art, dance, drama, or music. To apply, students must be currently enrolled in an accredited baccalaureate or graduate degree program, having completed at least one academic year.

The \$1,000 Twanette Nutter Fleming Music Award stipulates that the applicant must be enrolled in a fully accredited course of study leading to a degree to teach music in a private, public, or parochial school, having completed at least one academic year.

Our area has numerous college students who are talented and would qualify for these scholarships. We are hopeful that those students will be brought to our attention so we may begin the process of submitting an application for state Tri Kappa scholarships.

Students wishing to apply for any of these scholarships are encouraged to contact Katie Milligan at 812-296-0066 or kmilligan15@yahoo.com.

Local deadline to submit scholarship applications to Delta Tau Chapter of Tri Kappa is Friday, January 19, 2018. That will provide the committee time to vote on the applications, put the packages together and submit to state scholarship committee by the state deadline of February 1, 2018.

The Tri Kappa State Scholarship Committee will meet in early spring to select the recipients of the above-mentioned scholarships.

In addition to the state scholarships, the Loogootee-Shoals, Delta Tau Chapter of Tri Kappa also provides two local scholarships in the amount of \$500 each; one to a graduating Loogootee High School Student and one to a graduating Shoals High School student with proof of college enrollment for the 2017-18 Fall Semester. Applications for those high school scholarships can be obtained from your high school counselor or by contacting Katie Milligan at 812-296-0066 or kmilligan15@yahoo.com.

The Martin County Highway Department is accepting 2017-2018 bids for supplies for the following highway improvement projects:

-Windom Rd – Tedrow Rd to US Hwy 50

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-Anderson Rd - Hill

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60 tons of #11 stone
1451 gallons of AE-90S

-Killion Mill Rd – Mobley Rd to Dover Hill Rd

1920 tons of cold mix
218 tons of #11 stone
5237 gallons of AE-90S
1870 gallons of AE-PL

Bids are due December 1, 2017 at 4:00 pm in the auditor's office. Bids will be awarded December 5, 2017 at the 5:30 commissioner's meeting.

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In October, the county had 22,609 residents in the workforce with 563 of them unemployed. In September, there were 22,819 residents able to work and 598 of them were without jobs. In October of last year, Dubois County's jobless rate was 2.8 percent with 23,190 residents able to work and 641 of them unemployed.

Greene County's unemployment rate also dropped a bit from 4.6 in September to 4.3 percent in October. The county had the fifth highest jobless rate in the state for October.

In October, the county had 13,347 residents in the workforce and 570 of them were unemployed. In September, there were 13,501 residents able to work and 618 of them without jobs. In October of 2016, Greene County's unemployment rate was 5.4 percent with 13,648 residents in the workforce and 742 of them without work.

The top ten spots in the state for the lowest jobless rate for October went to LaGrange, Elkhart and Adams counties at 2.4 percent; Dubois County at 2.5 percent, Steuben, Kosciusko, and Bartholomew counties at 2.6 percent; Hamilton and Decatur counties at 2.7 percent; and Whitley, DeKalb, Daviess and Boone counties.

The top ten spots in the state for the highest jobless rate for October went to Vermillion County at 5.1 percent, Fayette and Lake counties at 5 percent;

BETA

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Tyler Lythgoe, Sean Page and John Wagoner

Character Skit - (1st)

Carson Rayhill, Zach Lythgoe, Konner Lyon, Kristin Norris, Katie Sims, Julianne Bell, and Cora Hedrick

Living Literature - (3rd)

Emily Gingerich, Macy McAtee, Mattie Milligan, Julianne Bell, Asia Crim, Makenzie VanHoy, Brooklyn Jones, Maria Chestnut, Karoline Tedrow, Isabelle Wagoner, and Sara Street

Spotlight Your Service - (3rd)

Cora Hedrick, Max Christmas, Kristin Norris, Sheldan Christmas, and Jake Carrico

Technology - (2nd)

Dylan Arthur, Zach Lythgoe, and Jayden Wagoner

Campaign Skit - (1st)

Jayleigh Wagoner, Cora Hedrick, Carson Rayhill, Konner Lyon, Zach Lythgoe, Kashten Burch, Calli Wininger, Katie Sims, Julianne Bell, Madisyn Wade, and Olivia Wininger

Newton County at 4.5 percent, Greene County at 4.3 percent, Delaware and LaPorte counties at 4.2 percent, and Owen, Starke, Sullivan, and Vigo counties at 4.1 percent.

Indiana's unemployment rate stands at 3.9 percent for October and remains lower than the national rate of 4.1 percent. With the exception of one month when it was equal (October 2014), Indiana's unemployment rate now has been below the U.S. rate for four full years. The monthly unemployment rate is a U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) indicator that reflects the number of unemployed people seeking employment within the prior four weeks as a percentage of the labor force. Indiana's labor force had a net decrease of 11,694 over the previous month, which was a result of 2,351 unemployed residents seeking employment and a 14,045 decrease in residents employed. Indiana's total labor force stands at 3.33 million, and the state's 64.2 percent labor force participation rate remains above the national rate of 62.7 percent.

In addition, Indiana's initial and ongoing unemployment insurance claims are at historical lows.

Employment by Sector

Private sector employment has grown by more than 22,600 over the year, and has increased by 2,500 over the previous month, primarily due to gains in the Financial Activities (3,400) and the Trade, Transportation and Utilities (2,100) sectors. Gains were partially offset by losses in the Professional and Business Services (-3,000) and the Construction (-2,400) sectors. Total private employment stands at 2,691,600 and is 14,700 above the November 2016 peak.

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JOHN BRETT

John Robert Brett passed away at 12:18 p.m. Wednesday November 15, 2017 at St. Vincent Medical Service in Evansville. A resident of Shoals, he was 35.

He was born January 1, 1982 in Daviess County; son of Richard and Marsha (Wining) Brett. He married Joni Foster on September 2, 2002 in Washington.

He attended Trinity Holiness Academy, was a member of Weisbach Community Church, the Shoals Park Board, was a past coach and past member of the Shoals Little League Board. He was employed at Crane as a boiler operator.

Survivors include his wife, parents, one son, Dallas Brett; daughters, Daisy, Willow and Heidi Brett; grandfather, John Wining; one sister, Jill (Carl)

Damon of Michigan and one brother, Eric (Judith) Brett of Shoals.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Robert and Blanche Brett and Clarabelle Wining.

Funeral services were held at Sunday November 19 at the Shoals High School Gymnasium with Pastor John

Zeigler officiating. Burial followed in the Hickory Ridge Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Old National Bank in Shoals in care of the John Brett Family.

The Queen-Lee Chapel of the Thorne-George Family Funeral Homes was in charge of the arrangements.


Community Health Needs Assessment update from Daviess Community Hospital

For the last several months, Daviess Community Hospital has been working to develop strategies to address the top five identified health needs which were identified in the 2016 Community Health Needs Assessment. Those top five identified needs are: substance use, affordability/accessibility, physicians, obesity, and mental health.

DCH has formed a core steering committee to work on implementation strategies to combat each assessed need. The steering committee is comprised of several members of the community and from the hospital. Those members include: Scott Sell, Director of Athletic Training for DCH (Chair), Cara Veale, Executive Director of Provider Services (Co-Chair), Joe Wellman, Mayor City of Washington, Judge Greg Smith, Zella Taylor, Executive Director United Way, Cindy Barber, Purdue Extension, Kathy Sullender

& Mallory Swartenztruber, County Health Dept., from DCH – Tracy Conroy, CEO, Keith Miller, COO, Nancy Case, CNO, Angie Steiner, Director Business Development, and several other members of the DCH team.

Each of these identified needs have a task force from DCH and the community working on solutions. To date, the DCH CHNA Steering Committee and Task Forces have accomplished the following: sponsoring the inaugural Hoosier Bicycle Classic, partnering with the Daviess County Mental Health Association, working with Purdue Extension to host an Active Living Workshop. The steering team remains hard at work and look forward to finalizing all of the strategies to reduce those needs. This committee is passionate about making Washington and Daviess County a healthier place to live, work, and play.



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Martin County Sheriff's Department log

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13

3:03 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported subject to St. Vincent Dunn Bedford.

5:40 a.m. - Received a report of an accident north of Loogootee. Deputy Wright responded.

6:47 a.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident on US 231, south of Loogootee. ISP Troopers responded.

8:03 a.m. - Received a report of a theft in Shoals. Sheriff Roush, Captain Dant and Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

1:20 p.m. - Received a report of shoplifting in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

3:24 p.m. - Received a report of reckless driver east of Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

5:55 p.m. - Received a report of suspicious people in Shoals. ISP Trooper McBeth responded.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14

3:50 a.m. - Received an alarm call in Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant Norris and ISP Trooper McBeth responded and all was okay.

5:59 a.m. - Received a report of a deer in the roadway on US 50, east of Shoals. Deputy Wright removed the deer.

7:25 a.m. - Received a report of an accident near Shoals. Sheriff Roush and Captain Dant responded.

9:00 a.m. - Received a request for lift assistance north of Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded.

10:00 a.m. - Captain Dant took two inmates to court.

10:15 a.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident near Shoals. Sergeant Keller responded.

10:40 a.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle north of Shoals. Sheriff Roush, Captain Dant, and Sergeant Keller responded. The vehicle was located and a pursuit ensued. After a vehicle chase through Shoals, the subject fled on foot from the officers. After a short chase, the suspect was taken into custody.

11:06 a.m. - Received a report of an accident in Shoals. This was due to the vehicle that fled police. Sheriff Roush responded.

11:54 a.m. - Received a report of an accident south of Loogootee on US 231. Martin County Ambulance, Loogootee Chief Rayhill, Sheriff Roush, Captain Dant, and Loogootee Fire responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

12:35 p.m. - Received a dog complaint near Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

1:30 p.m. - Captain Dant took four inmates to court.

3:05 p.m. - Received a report of an accident east of Shoals. Captain Dant and Sergeant Keller responded.

3:05 p.m. - Loogootee Chief Rayhill assisted a stranded motorist in Loogootee.

3:15 p.m. - Received a report of an accident on US 50, near Loogootee. Sheriff Roush, Captain Dant, Sergeant Keller, Loogootee Chief Rayhill, Loogootee Fire, and Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

4:40 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Shoals. Captain Dant and Sergeant Keller responded.

5:37 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Shoals. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Daviess Community Hospital.

6:24 p.m. - Sheriff Roush assisted a

motorist near Shoals.

7:53 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Shoals Fire responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

10:53 p.m. - Received a report of an impaired driver near Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth and Deputy Wright responded.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15

7:30 a.m. - Received multiple reports of stoplights not working due to a power outage in Loogootee. Sheriff Roush, Captain Dant, Loogootee Chief Rayhill and Loogootee Fire responded to assist with traffic control.

8:20 a.m. - Received a report accident on US 231, north of Loogootee. Sheriff Roush, Chief Deputy Greene, Captain Dant, Martin County Ambulance, Loogootee Fire, Southwest Ambulance, ISP Trooper Beaver and Martin County Coroner Franklin responded. Two subjects transported by ambulance to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

11:02 a.m. - Received a request for ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported one subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

12:15 p.m. - Received a report of abandoned truck in Shoals. Captain Dant responded.

2:02 p.m. - Received a report of attempted vandalism in Shoals. Captain Dant responded.

3:00 p.m. - Received a report of accident in Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded.

6:32 p.m. - Received a report of accident east of Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded.

7:02 p.m. - Received a report of suspicious persons in Crane. Major Burkhardt responded.

7:18 p.m. - Received a report of accident south of Shoals. Shoals Town Marshal Eckert responded.

7:20 p.m. - Received a report of car-deer accident near Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Floyd responded.

10:08 p.m. - Received a report of tree hanging over the road east of Shoals. State highway was contacted.

11:10 p.m. - Received a report of suspicious vehicle in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Floyd responded.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16

8:30 a.m. - Received a report of theft south of Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded.

8:52 a.m. - Chief Deputy Greene took one inmate to court.

9:26 a.m. - Received a request for welfare check in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

9:56 a.m. - Jail Commander Abel took one inmate to the doctor.

10:10 a.m. - Chief Deputy Greene took one inmate to court.

10:42 a.m. - Received a report of controlled burn south of Shoals.

11:32 a.m. - Loogootee Chief Rayhill assisted a motorist in Loogootee.

12:09 p.m. - Received a report of an abandoned dog in Crane. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

12:36 p.m. - Major Burkhardt completed vehicle identification check in Shoals.

1:36 p.m. - Chief Deputy Greene took four inmates to court.

1:35 p.m. - Received a report of controlled burn south of Loogootee.

6:05 p.m. - Received a request for ambulance north of Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded.

6:22 p.m. - Received a report of reckless driver south of Loogootee.

7:00 p.m. - Received a report of impaired driver in Shoals. Shoals Town Marshal Eckert responded.

9:22 p.m. - Received a report of reckless driver east of Shoals. Shoals Town Marshal Eckert responded.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17

1:29 a.m. - Received a report of noise disturbance in Loogootee. Deputy Reed, Loogootee Officer Floyd and Shoals Town Marshal responded.

9:18 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver north of Loogootee. Major Burkhardt responded.

10:59 a.m. - Chief Deputy Greene assisted a motorist in Shoals.

12:48 p.m. - Major Burkhardt assisted a motorist in Loogootee.

5:45 p.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident west of Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded.

6:59 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on U.S. Highway 50, east of Shoals. Shoals Town Marshal Eckert responded.

8:41 p.m. - Received a request for ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded.

11:20 p.m. - Received a report of burglar alarm in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

11:35 p.m. - Received a report of vandalism in Shoals. Deputy Reed responded.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18

1:25 a.m. - Received a report of a tree across Poplar Grove Road. Shoals Fire Department and Martin County Highway responded and removed the tree.

4:57 a.m. - Received a report of tree down on US Highway 450, north of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded and removed the tree.

8:30 a.m. - Received a request for welfare check in Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded.

8:55 a.m. - Received a report of low hanging tree limb on US Highway 50, west of Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded.

9:30 a.m. - Received a report of trees down on Murray Road. Martin County Highway Department responded and removed trees.

10:35 a.m. - Received a request for welfare check in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth responded.

10:56 a.m. - Received a report of a fallen tree on residence in Shoals. Shoals Fire Department and Major Burkhardt responded and removed the tree.

11:14 a.m. - Received a report of a tree across US Highway 50, east of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded and removed the tree.

12:00 p.m. - Received a report of two trees coming out into the roadway on US Highway 50, east of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded and removed the trees.

1:17 p.m. - Received a request for ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance and Loogootee Officer McBeth responded. Martin County Ambulance transported one subject to Vincennes Good Samaritan.

2:40 p.m. - Received a report of protective order violation in Loogootee. Major Burkhardt responded.

3:03 p.m. - Received a report of reckless driver on US Highway 50, west of Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded.

3:23 p.m. - Received a report of tree down on US Highway 231, north of Loogootee. Martin County Civil De-

fense responded and removed the tree.

3:46 p.m. - Received a report of domestic disturbance north of Loogootee. Major Burkhardt and ISP Trooper Lents responded.

3:55 p.m. - Received a report of tree across Windom Road in Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded and removed the tree.

4:21 p.m. - Received a report of cows out north of Shoals. Cattle owner was contacted.

4:49 p.m. - Received a report of tree down on Sherfick School Road in Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded and removed the tree.

6:04 p.m. - Received a report of tree limb down on Spout Springs Road in Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded and removed the tree.

6:20 p.m. - Received a report of tree down on US Highway 50, west of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded and removed the tree.

7:42 p.m. - Received a report of broken tree limbs on US Highway 50, east of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded and removed the debris.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19

12:41 a.m. - Received a report of tree across Connell Cemetery Lane. Deputy Reed and Lost River Fire responded and removed the tree.

6:35 a.m. - Received a request for ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance and Loogootee First Responders responded. Martin County Ambulance transported subject to IU Health Paoli.

8:39 a.m. - Received a report of car-deer accident on US Highway 50, west of Shoals. Captain Dant responded.

9:45 a.m. - Received a report of illegal hunting in near Crane. Conservation Officer Doane responded.

10:28 a.m. - Received a report of disabled vehicle on Poplar Grove Church Road. Captain Dant responded.

1:30 p.m. - Captain Dant assisted a motorist north of Shoals.

1:35 p.m. - Received a report of theft in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth responded.

2:30 p.m. - Sheriff Roush, Captain Dant, Loogootee Officer McBeth, ISP Trooper Lents and Shoals Fire Department units assisted with funeral procession in Shoals.

10:23 p.m. - Received a request for ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

Real estate transfers

GP Hart, LLC, of Daviess County, Indiana to **Gregory and Sons Properties, LLC**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 3 in Block "G" in Loogootee Land Company's Addition to the Town, now City of Loogootee, Indiana.

Rose M. Bradley, of Martin County, Indiana to **Neil E. Bradley, Kimberly M. Kaiser, Jessica A. Green, and Patrick W. Bradley**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the north half of the northeast quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 12, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, Martin County, Indiana, containing 0.311 acre, more or less.

Ernest W. Davis and Misty C. Davis, of Martin County, Indiana to **Ernest Davis, Sr. and Margaret Davis**, of Martin County, Indiana, a section of land in Section 29, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, Martin County, Indiana.

Vehicle and foot pursuit leads to arrest in Shoals

Deputies from the Martin County Sheriff's Office involved in a vehicle and foot pursuit late last Tuesday morning.

On November 14, at approximately 10:40 a.m., the Martin County Sheriff's Office received a call from a concerned citizen regarding the office's Facebook post about a theft in their area. The post contained a description of the suspect and the vehicle involved. The concerned citizen advised that there was a truck matching the description on Hickory Ridge Road.

A short time later Sergeant Keith Keller, Captain Tony Dant, and Sheriff Travis Roush arrived in the area. Sergeant Keller observed the truck on Hickory Ridge Road approaching McBride's Bluff Road. Captain Dant and Sergeant Keller proceeded in the direction of the truck. The truck pulled into a driveway and began to drive in the opposite direction.



Captain Dant and Sergeant Keller attempted to initiate a traffic stop, but the truck refused to stop. The truck proceeded to County Farm Road where Sheriff Roush was blocking the intersection. The truck was able to get around Sheriff Roush's police car and continued southwest on Hickory Ridge Road. The truck turned south on State Road 450 towards Shoals. Sergeant Keller and Captain Dant attempted to get the truck to stop before approaching US 50, but were unable to do so. At the intersection of State Road 450 and US 50, the truck turned east on US 50 and entered Shoals.

In Shoals Town limits, the truck attempted to pass an eastbound semi in a no-passing zone. The truck observed a westbound semi and darted the truck in between them. The truck struck the left front of the eastbound semi and continued into the RJ's parking lot. The crash caused the right rear tire of the truck to go flat. The truck drove through pump area, and turned southeast onto US 150. As the truck passed east of Boyd Hollow Road on US 150, Sergeant Keller and Captain Dant were able to box the truck in and slow it down. The truck swerved to the left in an attempt to get around the police trucks. The driver lost control of the truck and spun out.

The driver fled on foot, through a creek, into and around a residence. Sheriff Roush, Sergeant Keller, and Captain Dant caught up to the individual and took him into custody. The driver was identified as Devan K. Nelson, 24, of Paoli.

Nelson was charged with the following:

- Resisting law enforcement with a vehicle, a Level 6 Felony
- Possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony
- Resisting law enforcement, a Class A Misdemeanor
- Theft, a Class A Misdemeanor
- Leaving the scene of an accident, a Class B Misdemeanor

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ARRESTS

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14

6:27 a.m. - Joshua Winger, was arrested by Deputy Wright on a Lawrence County warrant. He was transported to the Lawrence County Jail.

11:13 a.m. - James Brim, 40, of Ireland, was arrested by ISP Trooper Lents on a probation violation and is being held without bond.

11:17 a.m. - Devon Nelson, 24, of Paoli, was arrested by Captain Dant and charged with resisting law enforcement, possession of stolen property, and possession of meth. He is being held without bond. Assisting in the arrest were Sheriff Roush and Sergeant Keller.

4:05 p.m. - Andrew Hsu, 18, of Bedford, was arrested by Sergeant Keller and charged with operating while intoxicated endangering a minor refusal and possession of marijuana. He is being held without bond.

4:52 p.m. - Chelsee New, 29, of Bedford, was arrested by ISP Trooper Lents and charged with battery on a minor and criminal confinement. She is being held without bond.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17

4:15 a.m. - Joshua Jones, 32, of Shoals, was arrested by Deputy Reed on a Martin County warrant. He is being held without bond.

8:25 p.m. - Ryan Mattingly, 32, of Loogootee, was arrested by Deputy Reed and charged with maintaining a common nuisance, possession of methamphetamine, unlawful possession of syringe, possession of paraphernalia and possession of marijuana. He is being held without bond.

11:48 p.m. - Kevin Holt, 56, of Loogootee, was arrested by Loogootee Captain Hennette on a Martin County warrant. He is being held without bond. Assisting in the arrest were Sheriff Roush, Deputy Reed, ISP Trooper Brummett and ISP Trooper Beaver.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18

4:32 p.m. - Brian Potts, 47, of Loogootee, was arrested by ISP Trooper Lents and charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated. He is being held on a \$25,000 10% bond.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19

11:21 p.m. - Lee Sorrells, 22, of Shoals, was arrested by Deputy Wright and charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated, possession of marijuana and possession of a controlled substance.

Two-vehicle crash north of Loogootee kills two

A two-vehicle crash last Wednesday morning on US 231 near Boggs Lake claimed the lives of two local men.

At 8:20 a.m. Wednesday, November 15, 60-year-old Kevin Sears, of Odon, was northbound on US 231, when for an unknown reason, his 2002 Honda Civic veered into the southbound lane near County Road 700 North. The Honda pulled directly into the path of a 2008 Dodge Avenger, driven by 29-year-old Zachary Greene, of Loogootee. Sears's Honda struck Greene's Stratus, coming to a stop almost immediately.

Sears was pronounced deceased at the scene by the Martin County Coroner. Greene and his front seat pas-

senger, John Brett, 35, of Shoals, were both transported to Memorial Hospital in Jasper. Brett was later transferred to St. Vincent Hospital in Evansville, where he died as a result of his injuries. Greene suffered injuries to his legs and ankle.

All three vehicle occupants were wearing seatbelts at the time of the crash.

The crash remains under investigation by ISP crash reconstructionists. The state police were assisted by the Martin County Sheriff's Department, Loogootee Fire Department, and Southwest Medical (Martin County EMS).

Man arrested on multiple charges of deer poaching in Martin County

On November 11, Indiana Conservation Officer Corporal Eric Doane was contacted by an anonymous caller about multiple whitetail deer that had been shot illegally. Cpl. Doane conducted a series of interviews with multiple individuals, and was able to determine that Brook N. Hawkins, 26, of Shoals, had shot and killed three whitetail bucks within a period of 48 hours.

On November 10, between the hours of midnight and 2 a.m., Hawkins was searching for deer from a motor vehicle with a spotlight. A group of three deer were located and Hawkins shot a large nine-point buck from the motor vehicle with a .204 Ruger rifle and the aid of a spotlight. They then left the area and returned to get the deer hours later.

On November 11, between the hours of midnight and 3 a.m., Hawkins was in a burgundy Ford truck driven by Brandon Clifton, 27, of Loogootee. Hawkins located a buck with a spotlight, and shot it from the vehicle. When the buck dropped, Hawkins ran into the field, cut off the head, and left the body lying in the field.

It was also found that on November 11, at approximately 6 p.m., Hawkins was in a vehicle driven by Brandon Clifton. Hawkins located a buck standing in a field and shot it with a .204 Ruger rifle. The deer was not retrieved.



Brook Hawkins was jailed and charged with the following:

- Hunting deer by illegal method
 - Illegal taking-possession of whitetail deer
 - Use of artificial light to take deer
 - Hunting deer with the aid of a motor vehicle
 - False informing
- Brandon Clifton is being charged with the following:
- Illegal taking-possession of whitetail deer
 - Use of artificial light to take deer
 - Hunting deer with the aid of a motor vehicle

Under the law, criminal charges are merely accusations and the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

Bedford woman arrested for allegedly battering a 23-month-old child

A Bedford woman was arrested last Tuesday after investigators say she battered and injured her boyfriend's 23-month-old son.

On Tuesday, November 14, Senior Trooper Jarrod Lents was contacted by the Indiana Department of Child Services to assist with investigating a child at a daycare center in Padanaram that had suffered numerous bruises and bites.

According to child care workers who had initially reported the injuries to DCS, the 23-month-old child had sustained injuries sometime between

the Friday afternoon of November 10 and the Monday morning of November 13. Lents learned that the only people the child was with during that time were the child's father, Dakota Padgett, and Padgett's girlfriend, 29-year-old Chelsee New, of Bedford.

Through the course of the investigation, Lents and DCS learned that New had babysat the infant child during the weekend, and had struck and bit him as disciplinary measures.

New was placed into custody and charged with battering and neglecting the child, as well as criminally confining him.

The infant was taken into custody by the Department of Child Services and was transported to Riley Children's Hospital in Indianapolis for evaluation and treatment.

- New was charged with:
- Battery on a minor, causing injury, a Level 5 Felony
 - Criminal confinement, a Level 3 Felony
 - Neglect of a dependent, a Level 5 Felony

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The Mayor's Den

By Loogootee Mayor Noel Harty

October began at LHS Auditorium for the Annual Fall Concert. As always, the concert exemplified the hard work placed forth by both our middle school and high school students and was a success. Monday the second, I headed to Jack Butcher Arena for the Volleyball Senior Night. The Lady Lions hosted the Wood Memorial Trojans and came out on top in three. Tuesday the third, I went to West Boggs Park for the renewal of vows ceremony of Beverly and James Taylor after 25 years of marriage! What an honor to be a part of such a special ceremony. Wednesday the fourth, I represented our county at a four-county roundtable meeting at Westgate Academy, which also included Greene, Lawrence, and Daviess counties. The roundtable concentrated on the topics of substance abuse, poverty, and communications. Thursday the 5th I attended the last 6th, 7th, and 8th grade Lady Lions Volleyball games for the season at Jack Butcher Arena. Our Lady Lions hosted the South Knox Lady Spartans, coming out on top in all three matches making all Lions fans proud. Friday the 6th began on a sad note as I assisted with the funeral mass of James Bradley at St. John Catholic Church. We will miss Mr. Bradley's contagious smile and the deep care and concern he had for others. He will be missed by all who knew him. In the evening, I went to Mitchell to attend the John Conlee concert at the Mitchell Opera House. The Mitchell Opera House has been restored to its natural beauty and now offers all types of concerts and events. A special thank you to Hoosier Uplands for making it all possible.

Saturday the 7th. I was the auctioneer for the Delta Kappa Gamma World Fellowship Scholarship Fund fundraiser at Stoll's Lakeview Restaurant. The auction had a particularly interesting twist: buyers didn't know what they were actually bidding for until they received the high bid, making it even more entertaining and as well as satisfying because the money was going for a good cause. Thank you, Pat Keefe, for asking me to be auctioneer! After the auction, I met my niece, Audrey Sanders, and her fiancé, Curtis Fields at The Lodge of Loogootee to discuss their upcoming wedding ceremony on the 21st. After that, I headed back to West Boggs Park to assist in judging the Annual Chili Cook-Off – a very hard task considering sixteen participated and awards were given in several categories: best red, best white, hottest and people's choice. The day was long from over. That evening was the 3rd Annual Fireman's Ball. Half of the proceeds from the Ball went to Brittany Walker's medical expenses. It was a huge success, as before, and a wonderful way for our community to raise funds and honor our fire department. Tuesday the 10th, Clerk Treasurer Nancy Jones and I had a phone conference with Bill Kaiser of Bingham Greenbaum and Doll who is assisting the city in moving forward with land use planning.

That evening was the monthly common council meeting. Topics of interests were a presentation from Rex Knight on the possibility of storm water financing and grant funding available to make improvements to the railroad property in the downtown area. The council also voted to hire Benefits 7 to work with the city in selecting the best health insurance plan for staff. On Wednesday the 11th, I met with David Miller of Hoosier Uplands and other lo-

cal officials at what will be "Eagle Place Apartments" to discuss the project and different funding sources in completing the project. Following that meeting, I met with Duke Energy at Stoll's Lakeview Restaurant to discuss the upcoming meter replacement project in our community. Duke is switching out virtually all meters and the new meters will be more cost effective for both customer and Duke. First thing Thursday the 12th was the Martin County Community Corrections quarterly advisory board meeting. Among the many items discussed and acted upon, the primary focus centered on the success and operation of the program. Mrs. Collins and her staff are doing a great job offering an alternative to many. The remainder of the day was spent working on day-to-day operations of the office.

Friday the 13th I went to Washington to visit Haunted High, a fundraiser held each year for Washington Catholic High School. As usual the event had all those attending screaming in terror. Saturday the 14th I headed to Barr-Reeve High School to watch our Lady Lions take on the Orleans Lady Bulldogs in sectional play. After the game, I attended the Odon Pumpkin Festival and helped judge the Halloween Parade of Costumes contest. Thank you Kathy Wimer for asking us to participate. That evening, I was back at Barr-Reeve for the championship game. Our Lady Lions squared off with the Lady Vikings of Barr-Reeve and the Lady Vikings won the championship. I would like to congratulate our Lady Lions on great season! During the day of Monday the 16th I helped with set-up of the Annual Shop and Taste event at the Martin County Community event, sponsored by our Chamber of Commerce. That evening, 28 businesses were represented at the event. With many activities taking place this time of year, the crowd was a little light but nonetheless, all those who attended enjoyed the evening. Tuesday the 17th, representatives of the city and I met with Benefits 7, the health insurance carrier working with the city to find the best insurance plan at the most reasonable price for city staff. That evening, State Senator Eric Bassler hosted an open forum at city hall. Highlights of discussion were: road funding, school funding and a discussion of abortion and abortion funding. Wednesday the 18th, Public Works Superintendent Bo Wilson and I met with Cint Rose and John Craig of Midwestern Engineers to discuss the future of the city's storm water utility. A presentation is expected at the November Council meeting.

That evening was the monthly solid waste meeting at the Martin County Recycling Center. One of the main issues of concern was illegal dumping and what the board and center do to assist with the clean-up etc. Thursday the 19th was the monthly Mayor's Youth Council Meeting. The focus of that meeting was the upcoming comprehensive plan the group is going to complete. The plan will discuss where we are today and reveal where we would like to be in our near and distant future. A special thank-you to Shoals High School for hosting the event and especially Mrs. Gibson's Consumer Foods class for preparing the delicious lunch. In the afternoon, Jim Dittoe with Winning Communities and I met with Shelley Christmas to discuss the various aspects of Beta Club and how in the future they might be able to assist with the Mayor's Youth Council. Friday the 20th began at our United

Methodist Church for the visitation of Delbert Stoll. Mr. Stoll worked as the Director of Maintenance for the Loogootee School Corporation for many years as well serving as a substitute school bus driver and a pastor. When I think of Mr. Stoll, I think of the word "others." Following the visitation, I went right back to city hall to assist with our parks and recreation department fundraiser, serving delicious marinated turkey strip sandwiches, chips, and a drink. The group raised \$475 which will go towards the city park for improvements. In the evening, I went to the Martin County State Forest for the rehearsal of the wedding of my niece Audrey Sanders to Curtis Fields. Saturday the 21st was the big day and I was so honored to be a part of such a beautiful ceremony. Congratulations to the happy couple! Sunday the 22nd was St. John Catholic Church's Annual Fall Festival. Many people work very hard each year to assure the festival's success and everyone is appreciated. This

year, the LHS Choir performed spiritual music for almost an hour – a very special treat! Tuesday the 24th the Land Use Planning Commission held a public hearing to receive feedback from residents regarding the proposed plan. Bill Kaiser, from Bingham-Greenbaum-and Doll, presented all ordinances to the commission in which they passed unanimously. Following the hearing, the common council met in special session to pass the salary ordinance for the 2018 budget year. Thursday the 26th, many representatives of the community and I met to discuss an upcoming project the Mayor's Youth Council. In the evening, I went to the main office of Four Rivers in Linton. This would be the last meeting lead by President and CEO of Four Rivers Steve Sacksteder. Mr. Sacksteder has been the President and CEO for over 30 years and he decided to retire at the end of the month.

Friday the 27th Jaspers' own television station came to interview as part of their (See 'DEN' continued on page 7)



Making A Difference

MARTIN COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

By Curt Johnson
MCCF Executive Director



-- WHAT IS PHILANTHROPY? --

I was looking at some goals of the MCCF and one of those is "to teach philanthropy." If you never had a need to understand it, you may just have a general idea. And even then, it is an idea that is put into practice. So, you may be close.

To start with, did you know that "philanthropy" is a Greek term which directly translated means "love of mankind." Philanthropy is an idea, event, or action that is done to improve quality of life and usually involves some sacrifice as opposed to being done for a profit motive.

Acts of philanthropy include volunteering time to a charitable cause (such as food bank), using your skills and talents to further one of those causes, or donating money to a charity. It's giving of your time, your talent, and your treasure. That definition is pretty simple when you get down to it.

-- A PHILANTHROPIST --

So, it follows that a philanthropist is someone who practices philanthropy. Even though by definition being a philanthropist is "pretty simple", it is not always an easy thing to put into practice.

-- TIME, TALENT, TREASURE --

Of the three philanthropic acts, time is available to everyone. We all have 24 hours in a day. The hard part is finding some of that time to volunteer somewhere. But the time is there to use when volunteering becomes a priority.

And talent? Most all of us have something we are good at. It could be as simple as just listening to people who need someone to talk to. You can use your skills and/or that knowledge you've developed to benefit your community.

And when it comes to your treasure (i.e., money), that can be as hard as any of the three parts of philanthropy. An amount to donate to a charity is one that is right for you and your situation. It can be anonymous, so give what you can. No amount is too small, or too large for that matter; it all adds up over

time.

-- NEIGHBORS --

We are fortunate to have many philanthropists in our community, each giving in their own way, most quietly and unassuming. Whether you know it or not, your neighbors are likely to be one of these people. You are likely one of these people as well.

-- RECOGNITION --

Each year the MCCF officially recognizes someone who meets the definition of a philanthropist. Our "Philanthropists of the Year" for 2017 are Mrs. Beth and the late Michael Lett. They have given their time, talent and treasure, the three most important things people can share. Having Beth or Mike involved with your organization meant you had a community leader and contributor helping your cause or mission. The time, talent, and treasure they have given makes them one of Martin County's most admired and respected couples and very deserving of this recognition.

-- ANONYMOUS --

As I said earlier, donations to a charity can be anonymous too. We recently had someone anonymously donate to the MCCF for funds that are to be chosen by our Philanthropists of the Year. With the variety of funds managed by the MCCF, there is usually one or more that can help meet a need important to a donor. Even though the Letts have a fund in their own name, Beth chose to put that money toward the Martin County Historical Society Fund, a cause that she said is very deserving.

-- MORE INFORMATION --

If you would like to find out how we can help you help our community, please contact the MCCF Executive Director, Curt Johnson, at 812-295-1022 or mccf@cfpartner.org.

You are also welcome to visit our webpage at www.cfpartner.org/mccf.htm, follow us on Twitter at www.twitter.com/MartinCountyCF, and "like" the MCCF Facebook page at www.facebook.com/mcccommunityfoundation.

More Neat Stuff



By Ann Ackerman



Thanksgiving Divorce

A man in Phoenix calls his son in New York the day before Thanksgiving and says, "I hate to ruin your day, but I have to tell you that your mother and I are divorcing; 45 years of misery is enough."

"Pop, what are you talking about?" the son screams.

"We can't stand the sight of each other any longer," the father says. "We're sick of each other, and I'm sick of talking about this, so you call your sister in Chicago and tell her."

Frantic, the son calls his sister, who explodes on the phone, "Like heck they're getting divorced," she shouts, "I'll take care of this."

She calls Phoenix immediately, and screams at her father, "You are NOT getting divorced. Don't do a single thing until I get there. I'm calling my brother back, and we'll both be there tomorrow. Until then, don't do a thing, DO YOU HEAR ME?" and hangs up.

The old man hangs up his phone and turns to his wife. "Okay," he says, "They're coming for Thanksgiving and paying their own way."

An Industrious Turkey Farmer

An industrious turkey farmer was always experimenting with breeding to perfect a better turkey. His family was fond of the leg portion for dinner and there were never enough legs for everyone.

After many frustrating attempts, the farmer was relating the results of his efforts to his friends at the general store get together.

"Well, I finally did it! I bred a turkey that has 6 legs!"

They all asked the farmer how it tasted.

"I don't know," said the farmer. "I never could catch the darn thing!"

PONDERISMS

*If by "crunches" you mean the sound potato chips make when you chew them, then yes, I do crunches.

*Going into your teenager's room is like taking a trip to Walmart. You pop in just to look around and end up walking out with 8 cups, 4 plates, 3 bowls, a couple of tea towels, and some cutlery.

*Friday the 13th is still better than Monday the whatever.

*I love the smell of freshly brewed coffee in the morning and I love the sound of no one talking to me while I drink it. Who's with me?

*I simply cannot wait to go to bed tonight and lie awake worrying about stuff I can't control.

*The fact that jellyfish have survived for 650 million years despite not having brains gives hope to many people.

*There are 7 trillion nerves in the human body, and some people are capable of getting on every darn one of them.

*I swear that if my memory was any worse, I could plan my own surprise party.

*He left a note on the fridge saying, "This isn't working, good-bye." I opened it and it works just fine.

*Have you ever just looked at someone and knew the wheel was turning but . . . the hamster was dead?

*I trained my dog to fetch beer. It may not sound too impressive, but he gets them from the neighbor's fridge.

*At my age, rolling out of bed in the morning is easy, but getting up off the floor is a bit difficult.

Make someone smile today!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Food pantry hours

The Loogootee United Methodist Food Pantry will be open the first, second, third and fifth Thursdays of the month from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and also the first Monday of the month from 5-6:30 p.m.

AL-ANON meetings

AL-ANON, a support group for those impacted by substance abuse, meets every Thursday at 8 p.m. at Loogootee Redemption Church.

Free lunch for kids

New Beginnings Community Church will be offering a free lunch to all school-age children every Saturday from noon to 1 p.m. at the fellowship hall of the church, located at 200 West Main Street next to the post office. For more info, call 812-709-2525.

SOAR Tutoring

Need Skills? SOAR tutors can help! Free and confidential. Call or text Karen at 812-709-1618 to learn more. Located in the Martin County Community Learning Center Improve Your Skills, Improve Your Life!

Tourism meetings

The MCCC Tourism Committee meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. at Loughmiller Machine, 12851 E 150 N, Loogootee. The public is invited to attend.

Humane society meetings

The Martin County Humane Society meets on the third Friday of the month at the animal shelter at 507 N Oak Street in Loogootee, at 5:30 p.m. Members of the humane society are invited to attend.

Solid waste board

The Martin County Solid Waste Board holds their monthly meetings on the third Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m. at the recycling center located at 500 Industrial Park Drive in Loogootee. The meetings are open to the public and anyone is invited to attend.

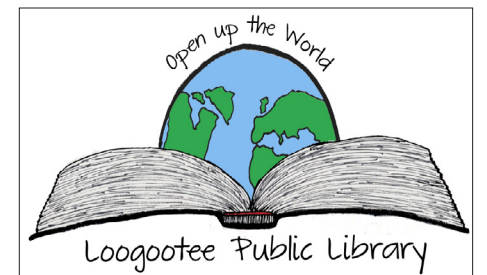
Soil and Water meetings

The Martin County SWCD meets the third Monday of the month at the

SWCD office located at Martin County Learning Center. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays except Thursdays when it is closed. Visit www.martinswcd.com or call at 295-3149.

Attention Senior Citizens

The Loogootee Senior Citizen Center, located in the annex building attached to JFK Gym on JFK Avenue in Loogootee provides activities for seniors every Monday and Thursday from 8 a.m. to noon. For \$5 a year, seniors can participate in Euchre tournaments, games, puzzles, etc., with other local seniors. Anyone interested is welcome to stop by, there are no age or residency requirements to participate. Seniors are also offered lunch at the Loogootee Senior Center every Monday and Thursday. A free-will donation is requested. Call 812-295-3130 to make a reservation, so enough food is prepared.



BY DARLA WAGLER

Librarian, Loogootee Public Library

Please attend the public notice meeting on Wednesday night, November 29, 2017 at 7 p.m. in the Loogootee High School Cafeteria. As you may have read, the library board has voted to move ahead with a new building project and will apply for a USDA loan. As part of the loan process, a public meeting informing the community of the project is required. We are required to have a sign-in sheet and record all comments from the community. The more support the better our chance of being approved for the loan. Mike Braun, U.S. Senate candidate and owner of Meyer Distributing, Jasper, will briefly speak. My building committee and I were very fortunate to meet with Mr. Braun this past summer. He gave us a tour of Meyer Distributing and we discussed how Martin County exists basically from revenue collected via property taxes. I have reflected many times on the points he discussed in that meeting and am very pleased he will attend our public meeting. He is a successful businessman, library advocate, and until recently a Representative from our area.

NEW BOOKS:

Mystery: "The People vs Alex Cross" by James Patterson and "The Whispering Room" by Dean Koontz.

Fiction: "The Story of Arthur Truluv" by Elizabeth Berg.

Inspirational Fiction: "Hope on the Plains" by Linda Byler, "Place at the Table" by Amy Clipston, and "Sunset Lullaby" by Robin Jones Gunn.

DVDs: "Poldark: The Complete Third Season", "Barbie: A Christmas Carol", "Beverly Hills Chihuahua 2", and "Annie".

The library hours are Monday and Tuesday 10-7, Wednesday closed, Thursday and Friday 10-5 and Saturday 9-1. The phone number is 812-295-3713 or check out the website www.loogootee.lib.in.us or like us on Facebook. The library has free Wi-Fi service available for patrons.

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Monday with the Mayor segment aired each week with a different mayor. In the evening, I went to Whispers Estates in Mitchell. Whisper Estates is known throughout the country for its paranormal activity being featured on various television shows. We enjoyed hearing the history of the home and watched out for any unusual activity but really didn't experience any. Monday evening of the 30th I attended the Martin County Alliance for Economic Growth meeting at the Martin County Learning Center. The Alliance is making great strides in promoting our county to promote both business and tourism! Tuesday the 31st Chief Kelly Rayhill celebrated his 20th year serving as a police officer. What an honor to have him as our Chief of Police! That evening was the 4th Annual Halloween Parade beginning at St. John's Center ending on the square with around 100 participants dressed in their prettiest and scariest costumes. After the parade Amber, Mom and Dad and our Schnauzer, Charlotte, and I handed out candy to about 300 trick or treaters at city hall. I would like to take this opportunity to wish each and every one of you a most blessed November!!!

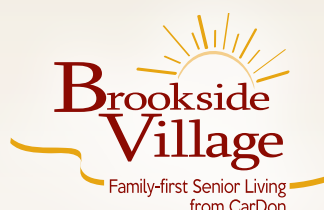
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In the Garden

By Ralph Purkhiser
Purdue University Master Gardener

In this season of Thanksgiving, we turn our thoughts to giving appreciation for the blessings of life and that includes the blessings of the garden. I, for one, have a lot for which to be thankful.

I thank God for roots. Other than college years and a brief sojourn shortly thereafter, I have spent my entire life on this property, which I have dubbed Sandhill Gardens. My mother was born here. Her mother is the source of my love for ornamental gardening. I am so blessed to have many mature shrubs planted by my grandmother, Bertha Hooten. Her peonies continue to bloom each year after nearly a century. Of course, I have added many new varieties, but those antique selections are still hard to top. I am thankful for the guidance that grandma, mom and dad gave me in the gardens. Although I have learned a lot about gardens from books, studies and travels, they schooled me well in the basics and instilled within me a fascination for watching plants grow and produce.

This year, I was able to take a wonderful gardening-themed trip, for which I am very thankful. I had long dreamed of visiting historic Charleston, South Carolina and the beautiful gardens there. I was able to visit many gardens on the city garden tour. I also visited some historic plantations and toured the gardens there. The trip also gave me an opportunity to take in several botanical gardens and make a side trip to see the topiary marvels of Pearl Fryar, whose acquaintance I have made at gardening functions over the years.

This gardening season had its challenges, as all do, but I have many successes for which I am thankful. I was able to garden in some new raised beds this year, including a bed on wheels that had been made by the Lost River Career Cooperative construction trades class at Springs Valley High School. The cart is made of red cedar and the peppers, onions and eggplants I grew in it did very well. Being on wheels, I could move it to get sun, but protect it when strong winds threatened. The other new raised beds were not portable, but also did quite well. Two of them have built-in trellises

and I tried a new crop for me. Malibar spinach is a vining plant from Australia. The shiny green leaves are pretty, but taste very much like spinach. However, unlike spinach, it thrives in the summer heat. It did very well in my raised bed and gave me many summertime salads.

I am always looking for new plants for my gardens, and this year had some standout successes. I have previously written about the beautiful Japanese anemone Honorine Jobert, which I planted last year. It matured into a lovely clump this year and provided airy blossoms for several weeks in late summer into the autumn. I liked the result so much that when I found some more of them on sale this fall, I bought every pot the garden center had and planted all but one here at Sandhill Gardens. That one was given to a friend whose wife had admired the anemones.

The sedum hedge that was planted last year around my rose garden also grew in strongly this year. I did have to replace a couple of plants, but most of them did quite well, and it looks like they are well established and will continue to mature over the next couple of years. Sedums live for many years, so other than keeping them in line, the hedge should be there as long as I continue to garden. I have some sedums that still grow where my grandmother planted them more than 90 years ago.

Another great gardening success was the prayer and meditation garden than I installed behind the Springs Valley United Methodist Church in French Lick. The garden looked wonderful all summer, which is a great feat, considering that it was just planted last fall. Many of the plants looked like mature selections. Often it takes about three years for a plant to actually look like it belongs, but the old coal yard must have been a great place to garden.

This Thanksgiving, as you eat fruits and vegetables, give thanks for gardeners who have produced these nutritious foods. If you grew them yourself, give thanks for the successful efforts you enjoyed. Most of all, give thanks to God, who sends the sun and rain and who makes the plants grow. He is, after all, the Master Gardener.

DNR seeks nominations for Trails Advisory Board

The DNR is seeking nominations for six openings on the state's Indiana Trails Advisory Board (TAB).

The TAB discusses and advises the DNR director on important trail matters and shares news, best practices, and resources with the trails community.

Openings are for representatives of the following trail-user or interest groups: bicyclists; off-road motorcyclists; parks and recreation agencies; water trail users; higher education/health; and equestrians.

Nominees should be involved with a local or statewide trails-oriented organization.

TAB members serve a three-year

term starting March 1, 2018 and attend quarterly meetings.

The equestrian user-group representative will serve a one-year term to fill a resignation.

Meetings are on the first Thursday of March, September and December, and the last Thursday in June. All meetings start at 3 p.m., and locations vary throughout the state.

Nominations will be accepted by the DNR Division of Outdoor Recreation from Dec. 1-30.

To learn more about TAB, visit dnr.IN.gov/outdoor/4094.htm.

For more information, contact Austin Taylor at ataylor1@dnr.IN.gov or (317) 232-4070.

NRC approves new nature preserve

The Natural Resources Commission (NRC) approved Lucas Hollow Nature Preserve in Brown County as a new nature preserve during its regularly scheduled meeting today at Fort Harrison State Park.

The move increases to 282 the number of state-designated sites protected by the Nature Preserves Act, which is 50 years old this year.

The new nature preserve is located in the southwest portion of Brown County, southeast of the town of Belmont. It is located within the Brown County Hills Section of the Highland Rim Natural Region. The site contains one of the best examples of relatively undisturbed mesic upland forest in that region of the state, characterized by Northern red oak, white ash, American beech, and sugar maple.

Its diverse understory contains wildflowers and ferns. Special-concern worm-eating warblers occur at this site, as do broad-winged hawk, hooded warbler, and black-and-white warbler.

The nature preserve is located within the buffer of a research core area of the Hardwood Ecosystem Experiment (HEE). It will continue to be studied by HEE scientists during the course of the 100-year study.

The NRC approved adding four petitions for rule changes to the Division of Fish & Wildlife's 2018 biennial rule change process. Instead of evaluating each one individually this year, they would be incorporated into the rule review process that starts in 2018 with other rule changes. One would allow crossbows that propel an arrow by means of compressed air to be used for hunting. The second would change the spring wild turkey season to start earlier in April. The third would remove the minimum size requirement for Eastern snap-

ping turtles or exempt the size limit from snapping turtles taken on private land. The fourth would increase the minimum size limit of muskellunge at Bass Lake in Sullivan County from 36 inches to 44 inches, with a maximum limit of one fish per day.

Regarding the NRC's non-rule policy titled, "Roster of Indiana Animals, Insects, and Plants that are Extirpated, Endangered, Threatened, or Rare (also described as Special Concern)," the NRC approved amendments to add black bear, Northern bobwhite, American woodcock and American eel to the list of special concern species and remove the red-shouldered hawk and five fish species from the list of special concern species: longnose sucker, Ohio River muskellunge, lake whitefish, cypress darter and Tippecanoe darter.

Dates for the 2018 NRC meetings were set as January 16, March 20, May 15, July 17, September 18 and November 13. All are tentatively set for the Garrison at Fort Harrison State Park in Indianapolis.

The NRC is an autonomous board that addresses topics pertaining to the Indiana Department of Natural Resources. More details on these and other actions are available at nrc.IN.gov/2350.htm under "November Agenda."

NRC members include the DNR director, heads of three other state agencies (Environmental Management, Tourism Development, and Transportation), six citizens appointed by the governor on a bipartisan basis, the chair of the NRC's advisory council, and the president of the Indiana Academy of Science. The Academy of Science president and the agency heads, other than the DNR director, may appoint proxies to serve the commission in their absences.

#optoutside on Black Friday with free admission to state parks

Indiana State Parks is offering a Black Friday discount unlike any other sale you'd find at big-box retailers.

Hoosiers can #optoutside to enjoy the outdoors with discounts and opportunities to win 2018 state park passes and other prizes.

Three Black Friday discounts are available to everyone, although two require downloading a coupon. The discounts only apply to Black Friday, November 24. They are:

- Free admission to any state park or reservoir that charges gate admission on that day. Download a coupon from the Indiana State Parks Facebook page beginning November 15.

- Twenty percent off a meal at an Indiana State Park Inn. Download a coupon from the Indiana State Parks Facebook page beginning November 15.

- A discount on toboggan rental at Pokagon State Park. Rental will be \$13 for 90 minutes instead of the usual \$13 per hour. Learn more at tobogganrun.com.

People who visit a state park, state reservoir or state forest recreation area on Black Friday can engage in social media and participate in a scavenger hunt to be entered in drawings for prizes. The drawings are:

- Post a photo to the Indiana State Parks Facebook page from your Black Friday visit to be entered into a draw-

ing for annual passes, lake permits and more. Include the hashtag #optoutside or #optoutsideIN.

- Post a photo to the Indiana State Parks Facebook page of you and your friends or family camping or staying at an Indiana State Park Inn on Black Friday to be entered into a drawing for camping or inns gift cards. Include the hashtag #optoutside, #optoutsideINN or #optoutsideCAMP with your post.

- Complete an #optoutside scavenger hunt at stateparks.IN.gov/3282.htm and return it to the email or address on the page to be entered in a separate drawing for 2018 annual passes.

- Everyone who posts a photo or participates in the scavenger hunt will be entered into a grand prize drawing for a gift pack from the outdoor gear retailer REI in Castleton. The local REI store is a supporter of the Indiana Natural Resources Foundation and Indiana State Parks.

Hit the outdoors after you are finished shopping to decompress or just go straight outdoors.

Outdoor gear retailer REI started the #optoutside initiative in 2015, announcing it would close its stores on Black Friday to encourage people to experience nature instead of waiting in long lines at cash registers. For more information, visit rei.com/opt-outside.